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## ***RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN***

**SIOUX FALLS, December 21, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 101.6 million pounds during November. This was up 19 percent from one year ago but down 4 percent from last month. For November, pork production was up, while sheep and lamb production was down from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Commercial hog slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 474,500 head during November compared to 389,900 head the year before. Average live weight was 259 pounds, which was down 3 pounds from November 2006.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 1,000 head during November, down 600 head from a year earlier. Average live weight was 121 pounds, which was down 5 pounds from November 2006.

**Commercial slaughter data for cattle** are not published.

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